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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Anthony MENNINGER

Title: SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER  
PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR A SECURE  
SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT  
FRAMEWORK

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2003, Applicants hereby elect Group II (Claims 7-12), drawn to a system for managing a supply chain for prosecution in the subject application in order to advance the prosecution of this application.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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